

Query 1 - Postmark on KEVII 1/- Stamp - Bulletin 344/16

Keith Rowland has written with additional information on the question raised by **Rosemary Smith** in regard to her maritime postmark on A3510.04. He writes “The postmark is of the German post office that operated on board many German shipping lines, in this case DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHE SEEPOST – BREMEN-NEW YORK line. There were two ships of this line at sea on 12-04-04:

KAISER WILHELM DER GROSSE

BREMEN 12.04.04 NEW YORK 19.04.04 “ident VII”

KAISER WILHELM II

NEW YORK 12.04.04 BREMEN 19.04.04 “ident IV”

The “ident” was a Roman numeral, unique to each date stamp, found at the bottom of the date stamp. If the numeral in the illustration is a VII, then the stamp would have been date stamped on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.”